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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Ethics Law - Lobbyist Violations - Intent**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain prohibitions relating to violations of the Ethics
4 Law by regulated lobbyists; eliminating the element of intent from certain
5 offenses and penalties; making this Act subject to a certain contingency;
6 providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to penalty
7 provisions relating to the acts of regulated lobbyists under the Maryland Public
8 Ethics Law.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - State Government
11 Section 15-405(e)(1), 15-713(5) and (12), 15-715(k), and 15-903
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)
14 (As enacted by Chapter _____ (S.B.75/H.B.2) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
15 2001)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - State Government**

19 15-405.

20 (e) (1) If the Ethics Commission determines it necessary to protect the
21 public interest and the integrity of the governmental process, the Ethics Commission
22 may issue an order to:

23 (i) suspend the registration of an individual regulated lobbyist if
24 the Ethics Commission determines that the individual regulated lobbyist:

25 1. has [knowingly and willfully] violated Subtitle 7 of this
26 title; or

